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AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

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SUBJ MCGILL UNIVERSITY ECOLOGY STUDY IN GALAPAGOS

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY MCGILL UNIVERSITY REQUESTING FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE FROM SCIENCE LIAISON OFFICER AT EMBASSY QUITO IN CONNECTION WITH AN ECOLOGY PROJECT WHICH DR. PETER GRANT AND DR. PETER BOAG OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY PLAN TO CARRY OUT IN THE GALAPAGOS. THIS REQUEST WAS MADE IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT CANADA HAS NO RESIDENT MISSION IN QUITO AND NO SCIENCE REPRESENTATION IN SOUTH AMERICA.

2. A PROJECT TO STUDY THE FEEDING ECOLOGY OF DARWIN FINCHES WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE CHARLES DARWIN RESEARCH STATION AT SANTA CRUZ ISLAND COMMENCING IN NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER AND EXTENDING FOR A PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY SIX MONTHS. THE STATION'S DIRECTOR, DR. CRAIG MCFARLAND, IS AWARE OF THE PROJECT AND APPROVES. THE SCIENCE PARTY WILL BE BRINGING WITH IT A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF CAMPING EQUIPMENT, HIGH-FIDELITY RECORDING EQUIPMENT, AND OTHER SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT. THEY PLAN TO ENTER ECUADOR THROUGH QUITO AND PROCEED FROM THERE TO SANTA CRUZ.

3. AMERICAN SCIENCE ATTACHES AND SCIENCE LIAISON OFFICERS HAVE ACTED IN THE PAST IN THESE CASES AS UNOFFICIAL CONTACT POINTS FOR ADVICE AND ON OCCASION EVEN INFORMAL ASSISTANCE. IF EMBASSY QUITO CAN ACT IN THIS CAPACITY IN THIS INSTANCE, EMBASSY OTTAWA WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING

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THE NAME OF EMBASSY'S SCIENCE LIAISON OFFICER AND HIS

ADDRESS TO PROVIDE DRS. BOAG AND GRANT.

4. FOR BOGOTA - REQUEST CANADIAN EMBASSY BOGOTA BE
APPROPRIATELY INFORMED OF CONTENTS THIS MESSAGE AND
THAT DIVISION OF SCIENTIFIC RELATIONS & ENVIRONMENTAL
PROBLEMS AT EXTAFH HAS ALSO BEEN MADE AWARE OF THIS
REQUEST AND MESSAGE.

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